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Chapter 1 Summary (4/25/12)

In the beginning of this novel “No less than Victory,” there is a brief summary about the events concerning World War II. In the first chapter it begins with the Battle of the Bulge which was a battle between the allied forces and the Americans. The Battle of the Bulge was fought over the winter months of 1944-1945 and was the last major Nazi offensive against the allies in World War II. This battle was the last attempt by Hitler to split the Allies into two in their drive towards Germany and to destroy their ability to supply themselves. Eddie Benson and Kenny Mitchell first appear in these chapters and how they fight against the Germans. The Novel talks about how the battle started which was on December 16th 1944. Hitler had convinced himself that the alliance between Britain, France and America in the western sector of Europe was a strong and major attack and defeat that could break up the alliance. His major goals were to initially break up the alliances allowing easier battle grounds for him and his troops. So he ordered a massive attack against what were primarily American Forces. The attack was strictly known as the Ardennes Offensive but because the initial attack by the Germans created a bulge in the allied front line it is known as the Battle of the Bulge. In the first chapter of this novel it helps to depict the exact scenes of the beginning of this battle. It identifies certain characters and how they are concerned among the people.

Chapter 2 Summary (4/26/12)

Eisenhower is the main character in this chapter. He talks about the bombing throughout the country and talks about the planes. Eisenhower and Doolittle talked about bombing German cities and the controversial issues surrounding them. They both started to talk about their tactics. They were talking about fighter pilots, like the P-57 and the P-51s in their regiment. Then they start talking about ending this war by the end of the Christmas. Doolittle starts to doubt that they will actually end by the Christmas because of what is happening. Then Eisenhower started to talk about how Generals started to make mistakes. They don’t have much power to make mistakes and these are mistakes that are here and there. The whole time it seemed that they were arguing and not getting anything done rather than making a bi bitch of the whole situation. Then they start talking about Monty’s big victory that had to play some importance in the establishing the points of their air raid. At this time Arthur started to get involved, however what he had to say was a bunch of crap too. They spoke of the prime minister and his decisions that would be the most important decisions for the war and the soldiers at war on the front lines. Teddy was now talked about in the conversation. Eisenhower knew that he was one of the few high-ranking Brits (A British soldier) who despised Montgomery. In this chapter there is a map of the situation on December 15, 1944, with all the movements of the American Soldiers.

Chapter 3 (4/27/12)

In this chapter it starts with the Headquarters, OB West, and Krefeld, Germany December 6, 1944. The main character in this chapter is Von Rundstedt who had missed Paris. He was seventy years old and was the oldest senior commander under Hitler’s command. Another character in this chapter is Model, who is a younger gentleman, who has a tight-mouth, and an exhausting man. Von Rundstedt talks about major strategies that he attempts to explain to his younger soldiers and tries to explain the importance of his teachings and the knowledge he knows. An example of his reasoning was concerning the Army Group B, which the Field Marshal Walther is in charge of. He also goes in detail and argues about how they are losing entire battles with their enemies. The battles he used to as examples was the battle at North Africa, Russia, and at France. A very interesting thing that he says is that “Drunk Generals make good Generals. This is a sarcastic thing he says because that cannot be true because it would not make sense for this to occur. He talks more about the field marshal and his command in the whole army and his importance to the cause. They refer to Fuher and his orders that he gives the soldiers. Von talks about many of his orders and argues about the context of his orders and the importance of such orders. There is a map of army plans in this chapter. The importance of this map is that it shows Hitler’s plan of action against their enemies.

Chapter 4 (4/28/12)

In this chapter the settings of the place starts now in St. Vith, Belgium on December 11, 1944. In this chapter we see a soldier in the Army and his name is Benson. He is not feeling good and wants to puke. The other soldiers threaten to hit him with the butt of his rifle if he pukes. Lane was next to Benson and was a very bad bully. He was talking stink about Benson in person and talked about how he was a wash out. Benson did not like this at all and took offense to what he was saying because of what he was saying. In this chapter the novel talks about the 106th fighting division and its importance in the war. They were scheduled to ship out to England and they were going to travel across the Atlantic Ocean. These were bad waters because there were many German Submarines in the area and were considered a death zone because of all the killings. The only hope in this case was to have U-boats they could drop depth charges. Benson was on a truck going to a certain area. Benson was concerned in this case because he did not want to get dropped off in a bad place. They wanted to unload his outfit and they would be good cannon fodder at war. Benson now was outside the truck and was going to enter the front lines with their First lieutenant and after they met up with their Captain.

Chapter 5 (4/29/12)

In this chapter the setting takes place in Ziegenberg, Near Bad Nauheim, and Germany December 12, 1944. In this chapter Von Rundstedt is talked about again in the concern about the conflict of the War. He was shocked by Hitler in this chapter because he doubted his authority to be absolute in his power of command. In this chapter we here about the first attempted murder of Hitler in July by his own men. The plot was to kill Hitler, but in the end all it did was injury him. Hitler is strongly referred to in this chapter. He begins a meeting with many of the Generals and high commanders of the German Army. Hitler talks about his strong idea of his commands and about his plans to fight against the enemy. In this chapter it talks about how the bomb was planted below a certain chair and was a concern of von. Hitler was very vocal in his commands and wanted all of the generals and commanders to listen up to all his commands. He wanted everything to go to plan so that there would be no error in the concern of defeating the enemy at hand. Hitler had a lot of concern because they were losing the war do to the strong opposing allies of their enemies. Model is mentioned in this chapter as one of the persons to hear Hitler’s plans and consider his plans. They talk about how they think that the British and Americans will beg for peace.

Chapter 6 (5/2/12)

In this chapter the setting takes place Near St. Vith, Belgium on December 14, 1944. In this chapter the main character of concern in this chapter is Benson from the American Air Force. Again we talk about the 106th and their struggle in the night to search for the German soldiers that they soon will encounter. The night was very cold and they stayed in fox holes for the night. There was much talk about how the Germans would attack in the night with their artillery barrage. What Benson and the other soldiers feared about the German artillery had come true and they were fired upon by the German artillery. The 106th had to dig there foxholes deeper due to the constant explosions coming from the Germans. They were bombarded by motor shells several more times. On December 15, 1944 at 15:15 am the fourth morning’s shelling had ended and all the men, especially Benson had rings in their ears for a short while. There was heavy snow all around the soldiers making it easy for the soldiers to dig out their foxholes. In this chapter we see those eating pancakes that are not warm. Benson complains how it’s not warm and wants different ones. In this chapter Benson talks about socks and its importance for the movement of their men. Having dry socks provides better movement of the men because they have an easier time to move through the thick snow grounds and especially through the bad terrain of the war grounds.

Chapter 7 (5/3/12)

In this chapter the setting takes place on December 15, 1944, in Midday. Benson and the 106th are an important focus in this chapter again. In the beginning paragraph we see a description of Captain Harroway for the first time. The description went like this, “he was small, lean, sharp eyes, no wasted words.” He was from a twelve-man patrol from B-Company. This chapter is a longer chapter because it concerns more battle scenes going on. In this chapter we see Captain Moore and Greely talking to each other about their strategy plans for their plan of action against the Germans. In this chapter, Benson is with the left flank when they deploy in their attempt to fight the opposing enemy that is at hand and is of concern for them the most. In this chapter we see Benson and the men moving forward and suddenly they get fired upon. The men began to panic and soon forget what to do. Their commanding officers had to remind the men to do their jobs and fight back against the Germans. Mitchell and Benson were now together and asking each other if they were alright, each was worried about each other and the danger ahead. In this chapter there is true excitement as the men fire beck and try to avoid being shot at. They find where the big Artillery gun is which they try to attempt to disable it without being scene by the enemy. This is an epic chapter because of the major events that take place in this chapter.

Chapter 8 (5/3/12)

This chapters setting takes place on December 15, 1944 and deals with Harroway. The 106th regiment is involved in this chapter because of their constant battle background against the Germans. The battle ground in this situation was an advantage for the Germans and a disadvantage for the Americans. The reason for this was that the Germans had strong understanding of the environment and could easily conduct night and day patrol with ease. .” He was from a twelve-man patrol from B-Company. This chapter is a longer chapter because it concerns more battle scenes going on. In this chapter we see Captain Moore and Greely talking to each other about their strategy plans for their plan of action against the Germans. In this chapter, Benson is with the left flank when they deploy in their attempt to fight the opposing enemy that is at hand and is of concern for them the most. In this chapter we see Benson and the men moving forward and suddenly they get fired upon. The men began to panic and soon forget what to do. Harroway is involved in this chapter because of his duties of concern in the regiment. The setting in this chapter soon takes place in different environments. On December 16, 1944, at 5 A.M. Harroway woke up to the sounds of engines. There is much anticipation of an early attack on the American forces by the German army because of the movement of the Germans. This is the setting that this chapter portrays by reading it.

Chapter 9 (5/5/12)

In this chapter the setting takes place in the time December 16, 1944, at 4:45 a.m. In this chapter it concerns Benson strongly in this chapter because of his background in the American war. In this chapter Sergeant Higgins is mentioned in the first chapter. Mitchell is also talked about in this chapter because of the direct conversation he has with Benson. In this chapter he talks to Benson about the war and the struggles of the war. There is high climax in this chapter and the battle ground is vivid with many things going on at once. Captain Moore is talked about in this chapter because of his direct leadership in this chapter and the importance of his fighting against the Germans. Benson did not like this at all and took offense to what he was saying because of what he was saying. In this chapter the novel talks about the 106th fighting division and its importance in the war. They were scheduled to ship out to England and they were going to travel across the Atlantic Ocean. These were bad waters because there were many German Submarines in the area and were considered a death zone because of all the killings. There is a time lapse of events that occur in this chapter because of the importance it holds on determining the certain events. In this chapter there are specific struggles of the American Army and there is direct understanding that there is conflict upon these people and the others.

Chapter 10 (5/5/12)

In this chapter we see the main character Eisenhower addressed in this chapter and this is one of the important situations of the Germans and their struggles. The setting takes place in December and is a very bad environment of time for both sides of the opposing military people. A setting in this chapter is Shaef, Versailles, France on December 16, 1944; at 6 P.M. this place is a central conquered area under the German control but was soon overtrumped by American forces in their attempt to take back Europe from the control of the Germans. Tedder is mentioned in this chapter because he is an important figure to the German Army. They talk about all the American and British commanders and their involvement in the battle of World War II. There is strong concern for the well-being of the German Army at this point because of the conflicts that are being omitted. There is a sense of urgency for better tactics and discovery what the best options at this point would be for the German army. . Hitler was very vocal in his commands and wanted all of the generals and commanders to listen up to all his commands. He wanted everything to go to plan so that there would be no error in the concern of defeating the enemy at hand. Smith is discussed in this chapter because of the map that Eisenhower and he looked at. In this chapter the Germans are strongly concerned about the warfare and the battle at hand.

Chapter 11 (5/5/12)

In this chapter the setting begins in or should I say on December 16, 1944. The setting takes place at night because the man is all bunkered down in their foxholes. They are concerned about the well-being of the war and what will happen in the future. The 106th had to dig there foxholes deeper due to the constant explosions coming from the Germans. They were bombarded by motor shells several more times. On December 15, 1944 at 15:15 am the fourth morning’s shelling had ended and all the men, especially Benson had rings in their ears for a short while. There was heavy snow all around the soldiers making it easy for the soldiers to dig out their foxholes. In this chapter we see those eating pancakes that are not warm. Benson complains how it’s not warm and wants different ones. In this chapter Benson talks about socks and its importance for the movement of their men. Having dry socks provides better movement of the men because they have an easier time to move through the thick snow grounds and especially through the bad terrain of the war grounds. Benson is strongly regarded as an important person because of his strong patriotism towards the American army. There are several settings in this chapter. An exact example was on December 17, 1944 and occurs at Dawn because of the setting at which the war occurs. The soldiers are becoming more tires and have more stress over the situation that is occurring and want to strive to be in a better situation.

Chapter 12 (5/6/12)

The setting takes place on December 17, 1944 at 3 P.M. There is strong explanation of tanks being involved in this situation and it involves Benson again. The Battle of the Bulge was fought over the winter months of 1944-1945 and was the last major Nazi offensive against the allies in World War II. This battle was the last attempt by Hitler to split the Allies into two in their drive towards Germany and to destroy their ability to supply themselves. Eddie Benson and Kenny Mitchell first appear in these chapters and how they fight against the Germans. The Novel talks about how the battle started which was on December 16th 1944. Hitler had convinced himself that the alliance between Britain, France and America in the western sector of Europe was a strong and major attack and defeat that could break up the alliance. His major goals were to initially break up the alliances allowing easier battle grounds for him and his troops. So he ordered a massive attack against what were primarily American Forces. The attack was strictly known as the Ardennes Offensive but because the initial attack by the Germans created a bulge in the allied front line it is known as the Battle of the Bulge. In the first chapter of this novel it helps to depict the exact scenes of the beginning of this battle. It identifies certain characters and how they are concerned among the people. There are many more battle situations in this chapter that have a direct impact on all the troops.

Chapter 13 (5/6/12)

In this chapter the setting takes place in the Headquarters, OB West, and Krefeld, Germany on December 18, 1944 and there was major consideration of Von Rundstedt in this chapter. Another character in this chapter is Model, who is a younger gentleman, who has a tight-mouth, and an exhausting man. Von Rundstedt talks about major strategies that he attempts to explain to his younger soldiers and tries to explain the importance of his teachings and the knowledge he knows. An example of his reasoning was concerning the Army Group B, which the Field Marshal Walther is in charge of. He also goes in detail and argues about how they are losing entire battles with their enemies. The battles he used to as examples was the battle at North Africa, Russia, and at France. A very interesting thing that he says is that “Drunk Generals make good Generals. This is a sarcastic thing he says because that cannot be true because it would not make sense for this to occur. He talks more about the field marshal and his command in the whole army and his importance to the cause. They refer to Fuher and his orders that he gives the soldiers. Von talks about many of his orders and argues about the context of his orders and the importance of such orders. There is a map of army plans in this chapter. The importance of this map is that it shows Hitler’s plan of action against their enemies. This is an important chapter.

Chapter 14 (5/6/12)

In this chapter the setting takes place Near St.Vith, Belgium on December 18, 1944. This chapter concerns Benson and his regiment. Benson and the 106th are an important focus in this chapter again. In the beginning paragraph we see a description of Captain Harroway for the first time. The description went like this, “he was small, lean, sharp eyes, no wasted words.” He was from a twelve-man patrol from B-Company. This chapter is a longer chapter because it concerns more battle scenes going on. In this chapter we see Captain Moore and Greely talking to each other about their strategy plans for their plan of action against the Germans. In this chapter, Benson is with the left flank when they deploy in their attempt to fight the opposing enemy that is at hand and is of concern for them the most. In this chapter we see Benson and the men moving forward and suddenly they get fired upon. The men began to panic and soon forget what to do. Their commanding officers had to remind the men to do their jobs and fight back against the Germans. Mitchell and Benson were now together and asking each other if they were alright, each was worried about each other and the danger ahead. In this chapter there is true excitement as the men fire beck and try to avoid being shot at. They find where the big Artillery gun is which they try to attempt to disable it without being scene by the enemy. This is an epic chapter because of the major events that take place in this chapter.

Chapter 15 (5/7/12)

This is a very interesting chapter because it involves Patton. The setting takes place near Metz, France December 19, 1944. Patton is an American General with true patriotism. He has a strong and loyal character. He understands each one of his solders by displaying discipline towards them through his actions and his character. He is one of the most important characters in this chapter because he has great strategic skills that allow him to fight the opposing forces of Germany. He can easily evaluate each situation considering the best possible way to attack the opposing forces with the least possible casualties of his own forces. He has a major battle in this chapter that he succeeds in by using surprise. This chapter has a great battle scene because of the detailed descriptions of the battle. Hitler had convinced himself that the alliance between Britain, France and America in the western sector of Europe was a strong and major attack and defeat that could break up the alliance. His major goals were to initially break up the alliances allowing easier battle grounds for him and his troops. So he ordered a massive attack against what were primarily American Forces. The attack was strictly known as the Ardennes Offensive but because the initial attack by the Germans created a bulge in the allied front line it is known as the Battle of the Bulge. Patton overcomes many of his endeavors and has strong battle techniques against his opposing forces. This is an epic chapter.